

OWASIPPE LODGE - ORDER OF THE ARROW
Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

ELECTION FORM

CONDUCTING THE ELECTION

The unit leader shall post the names of eligible members in alphabetical order on a blackboard or a large sheet of paper.

Every member under 21 years of age will be given a ballot upon which he will list the names of candidates he believes to be best qualified; in order of his preference, first choice first, second choice second, etc.; in terms of the candidates' records of cheerful service. No discussion will be allowed.

The Scoutmaster and at least one Order of the Arrow member tally the ballots. Those receiving the lowest number of preference votes are elected. This is arrived at by counting the number instead of the name. In case of a tie for first, both are elected if the troop is entitled to two candidates. In case of a tie for last place, a runoff election is held in the same manner between the two members who are tied.

As soon as the election is completed, the unit leader must announce the names of those who have been elected.

Special Consideration for Eagle Scouts

If a Boy Scout troop or Explorer post has any members who hold the Eagle Scout rank and who are not currently members of the Order of the Arrow, these Eagle Scouts may be elected to the Order of the Arrow membership in addition to the quota stated above. Eagle Scouts do not become candidates for the Order of the Arrow membership automatically; they must still be elected by unit members, have the unit leader's approval, and meet all the specified requirements. In the event that the Eagles do not receive enough votes to appear within the unit's quota, they are not elected. Other boys may not be substituted for Eagles who are not elected.

The Eagle Scouts must be elected within the unit's quota. For example: A unit is allowed four (4) candidates. An election is held. The results are tabulated listing the candidates in order of election; first first, second second, etc... If an Eagle Scout not already an Order of the Arrow member falls within the quota of four (4) who are elected then number five (5) of those listed is included in those elected. He becomes the bonus as a result of one Eagle Scout lying within the quota of four (4).

The election results should be announced at once. Specify if the induction is to be held at Summer Camp or by the chapter.

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| 3:00 - 3:50 | |
| 4:00 - | General Session #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Ordeal Ceremony- Closing Address- Closing Ceremony |
| 5:00 - 5:30 | Cleanup |

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IMPROVING LODGE CEREMONIES

I. Ceremonies perform multiple tasks.

A. Confer honor of membership and privilege of responsibility to all Arrowmen.

B. Purposes of ceremonies:

1. Character building -- rededication to Scout Oath or Promise and Law.
2. Inspiration -- ignites enthusiasm which encourages active participation.
3. Instruction -- in customs and traditions of our Order

C. Different types of ceremonies are possible:

1. Firelighting
2. Call-out or Tap-out
3. Inauguration of Lodge officers
4. Rededication
5. Opening, closing
6. Induction into Ordeal or Brotherhood membership
7. Vigil Honor

D. General principles of Order of the Arrow ceremonies:

1. Character-building devices, not qualification tests.
2. Should always be inspirational
3. Concept of ceremonial authority, atmosphere, symbolism-- to set spirit of frame of mind.
4. Clarity needed for understanding
5. Unity, continuity, and freedom from contradiction necessary
6. Solemnity of atmosphere is important

II. Presentation of ceremonies must be well planned.

A. Make them dramatic:

1. Spoken distinctly
2. Proper pronunciation
3. Lines not repeated
4. Speed varied to suit meaning
5. Tone of voice important

6. Use hands --

- a. sign language for legends
- b. pantomime during explanations

7. Movements performed slowly and deliberately

8. Performers, ceremonies well rehearsed

B. Focus audience attention on speaker or performer.

1. Speak or act only when audience is quiet, attentive.
2. Idle ceremony team members assume erect, nondistracting stance.

C. Allow time for fire tenders to add necessary wood.

D. Be able to clearly demonstrate instructions.

III. Become emotionally involved with ceremonies.

A. Make them meaningful --

1. Members know, understand, memorize parts
2. Understand parts of others; know questions
3. Be able to define and pronounce unusual words
4. Practice at actual ceremony site

B. In ceremonies, team can make them more meaningful for others:

1. If they understand it
2. If they live ideals involved

IV. Some practical hints for ceremony team:

A. Firesafety --

1. Costumes watched
2. Torches watched at all times
3. Torches safely constructed
4. Fires completely out at close of gathering
5. Fire-fighting equipment provided

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CEREMONIAL GROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT

- B. Two-way radios or messengers prove handy
 - C. Delegate jobs involving physical arrangements and supplies to others--make sure supplies are available.
 - D. Arrive at ceremonial grounds early--last-minute details may develop.
 - E. Rehearse ceremony using a group of Arrowmen as audience before actual performance.
 - F. Have alternate plan in case of bad weather or something unexpectedly goes wrong.
- V. Develop various lodge ceremonies.
- A. Legend of Lenni Lenape is reserved for inducted members only.
 - B. Maintain symbolic unity with the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies.
 - C. Use local Indian traditions and costumes as much as possible.
 - 1. Advance approval from tribe involved if it still exists.
 - 2. Tribal religious traditions, dances, or ceremonies not used as part of ceremony
 - 3. Use imagination, discretion, respect
 - 4. Health and safety kept uppermost
 - 5. Complete ceremony written out in detail
 - 6. Completed ceremony revised with local tribe if request for final approval is made
 - 7. Local council, advisers' approval necessary
 - 8. Team members trained and rehearsed completely
 - 9. Pride in local customs
 - 10. If possible, ceremony widely performed in local area whenever asked
- I. Ceremonial site should:
- A. Impress candidates
 - B. Inspire brothers
 - C. Be functional in layout
 - D. Not be used for any other camp function
- II. Physical arrangement of site:
- A. Choice of area
 - 1. Approval by council
 - 2. Level area
 - 3. Good drainage
 - 4. Secluded place
 - 5. Trees, boulders, etc., as natural backdrops
 - 6. Wood and water readily available
 - B. Suggested needs at site:
 - 1. Raised reas for chiefs and other performers
 - 2. Tepees and lodge design backdrops
 - 3. Seating arrangements for spectators
 - 4. Building for changing; storing costumes and supplies
 - 5. Candleholders
 - 6. Fireplaces
 - 7. Symbolism built into site
 - 8. Imagination used
- III. Authentic costumes and props should be used by ceremonial team members.
- A. Costumes
 - 1. Local-area Indian tribe costumes
 - 2. Made so that they will not fall apart
 - 3. Should be easily cleaned and kept neat
 - 4. Should be colorful and impressive--totems, shields, tepees, etc.
 - B. Small hand props
 - 1. Safely designed torches
 - 2. Rattles, peace pipes, feather fans, etc., as needed
 - 3. Can hide long or difficult speeches--as help to individual team members
 - C. Have permanent, safe storage space available for costumes, props.

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